GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

GAD – Constitution of Inter Departmental State Level and District Level Land Protection Committees in Endowments Department and in Minorities Welfare Department, for effective follow up on encroachments and protection of properties – Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (CABINET.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.60 Dated:17.06.2023

Read the following:

1. From the Revenue (Endowments) Department, two e-files bearing computer Nos.1536058 and 1536068.
2. G.O.Ms.No.18, Minorities Welfare (IDM) Department, dated:13.10.2014.

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ORDER:

Government have considered for constitution of Inter Departmental State Level and District Level Land Protection Committees for Revenue (Endowments) Department and Minorities Welfare Department, to pursue and monitor exclusively the issues relating to properties belonging to Endowments Religious Institutions and Waqf Board properties including protection of lands, removal of encroachments, prevention of further encroachments etc.

2. After careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby constitute the following State Level and District Level Land Protection Committees for Revenue (Endowments) and for Minorities Welfare Department in the interest of protection of properties belonging to Endowments Religious Institutions and Waqf Board as detailed below:

I. REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS) DEPARTMENT

A. STATE LEVEL INTER DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE:

1.	Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P	Chairman
2.	Director General of Police, A.P.	Member
3.	Spl. Chief Secretary/ Prl.Secretary/ Secretary to Govt., Endowments Dept.	Member
4.	Spl. Chief Secretary/ Prl. Secretary/ Secretary to Govt., Revenue Dept.	Member
5.	Commissioner, Endowments	Member-Convenor
6.	Commissioner & Director, Survey, Settlements & Land Records	Member
7.	Director , Municipal Administration & Urban Development	Member
8.	Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development	Member
9.	Commissioner & IG, Registration and Stamps	Member

The Committee should meet once in three months (first fortnight) to review the progress.

B. DISTRICT LEVEL INTER DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE:

1.	District Collector	Chairman
2.	District Superintendent of Police	Member
3.	Joint Collector	Member
4	District Endowments Officer / Asst. Commissioner, Endowments	Member - Convenor
5.	District Revenue Officer	Member
6.	Sub-Collector/ Revenue Divisional Officers	Member
7.	All Municipal Commissioners in the District	Member
8.	District Panchayat Officer	Member
9.	Executive Engineer, R&B (Hqs.)	Member
10.	Assistant Director (S&LR)	Member
11.	District Registrar	Member

The Committee should meet once in a month (first fortnight) to review the progress.

The following specific responsibilities are assigned to the above Committees: -

i. To review the status of endowment lands of all categories.
ii. To ensure protection of all categories of endowment lands.
iii. Review of status of encroachments.
iv. Follow up strategies for eviction of encroachers and protection of endowment properties.
v. Execution of evictions over endowment lands.
vi. Conduct public auctions for leases / licenses, three months in advance,
before completion of existing lease / license period.
vii. Conduct public auction for fresh lease / license in respect of urban vacant lands / sites, to avoid encroachments.
viii. Steps for collection of arrears of lease amount / rent.
ix. Review the status of court cases including contempt cases for endowment lands and ensure quick disposal of cases.

II. MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

A. STATE LEVEL INTER DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE:

1.	Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P	Chairman
2.	Director General of Police, A.P.	Member
3.	Spl. Chief Secretary/ Prl. Secretary/ Secretary to Govt., Minorities Welfare Dept.	Member
4.	Spl. Chief Secretary/ Prl. Secretary/ Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Lands).	Member
5.	Chief Executive Officer, AP State Waqf Board.	Member-Convenor
6.	Commissioner & Director, Survey, Settlements & Land Records.	Member

7.	Director , Municipal Administration & Urban Development	Member
8.	Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development	Member
9.	Commissioner & IG, Registration and Stamps	Member

The Committee should meet once in three months (first fortnight) to review the progress.

B. DISTRICT LEVEL INTER DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE:

1.	District Collector	Chairman
2.	District Superintendent of Police	Member
3.	Joint Collector	Member
4.	District Minority Welfare Officer/ Addl. District Waqf Officer.	Member-Convenor
5.	District Revenue Officer	Member
6.	Sub-Collector/ Revenue Divisional Officers	Member
7.	All Municipal Commissioners in the District	Member
8.	District Panchayat Officer	Member
9.	Executive Engineer, R&B (Hqs.)	Member
10.	Assistant Director (S&LR)	Member
11.	District Registrar	Member

The Committee should meet once in a month (first fortnight) to review the progress.

The following responsibilities hereby entrusted to the above Committees in the best interest of the Waqf institutions and their attached properties in addition to the responsibilities existing in G.O.Ms.No.18, Minorities Welfare (IDM) Department, dated:13.10.2014:

i. To review the inclusion of the list of Waqf and mutation in the Revenue records by the Revenue authorities, as specified U/s. 5 of the Waqf Act, 1995, where as per the Act directed the Revenue authorities to do the same.
ii. To review the requisitions made by the APS Waqf Board U/s. 52(1) and 55 of the Waqf Act, for recovery of Waqf properties by the District Collectors and the RDOs & Executive Magistrates, as the case may be.
iii. To stop further encroachments.
iv. To protect vacant Waqf lands.
v. To re-survey and fixation of boundaries through the Survey & Land Records Department.
vi. Monitoring the Registration of newly created Waqf institutions namely (1) Masjids, (2) Graveyards, (3) Dargahs, (4) Panjas etc., U/s 36 and 40 & 41 of Waqf Act respectively.
vii. To direct the Panchayat Secretary and Ward Secretariat Planning wing not to accord any permission/ not to recommend for approval for constructions in the Waqf properties in Rural and Urban areas without prior permission from the Waqf Board, so as to avoid illegal constructions in their jurisdiction.

3. The Revenue (Endowments) Department, being the competent authority shall take necessary action to constitute Intra Departmental Committees consisting solely of employees of their Department.

4. The Revenue (Endowments) Department and the Minorities Welfare Department shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P.
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Lands) Dept.
The Secretary to Govt., Revenue(Endowments) Dept.
The Secretary to Govt., Minorities Welfare Department.
The Director General of Police, A.P.
All District Collectors in the State.
The Commissioner of Endowments, A.P.
The Chief Executive Officer, AP State Waqf Board.
The Director, Municipal Administration & Urban Development.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development.
The Commissioner &IG, Registration and Stamps.
All District Superintendents of Police in the State.
All Joint Collectors in the State.
All Officers concerned through Revenue (Endowments)/
Minorities Welfare Department.
The OSD/P.S. to Spl.Chief Secretary/Prl.Secretary/Secretary/
Addl. Secretary to Chief Minister.
The P.Ss. to Secretary to Govt., /Revenue/ MA&UD/
Home/ PR&RD Department.
The P.S. to Prl.Secretary (Poll.), GAD.
SF/SC.

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